



Sun Shines on Safety

Blue skies bring out crowd to learn safety, Total Health practices



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Under blue skies and pleasant temperatures, JSC employees spent a day last week learning about a variety of safety and total health issues.

Programs around the center ranged from fire and chemical hazards to safety for children.

“Overall, the day went extremely well,” said Larry Neu, chairman of the planning committee for Safety and Total Health Day. “The initial feedback I received is that managers were ready to lead their troops and had planned the day appropriately. The weather couldn’t have been better. The optional activities held outside were well attended and it was great to see the employees were able to go around and visit the displays and booths that most interested them.”

Early survey results show that employees enjoyed the day, but more importantly learned a great deal about safety and how to maintain or improve their health.

“Overwhelmingly, folks liked Denny Fitch,” said Stacey Menard of the planning committee. “Fitch’s program on the importance of teamwork during an emergency really seemed to set a good tone for the day.”

Menard added that results show the majority of employees who returned a survey said their safety and health awareness had been increased and they liked the format and would welcome the same with different topics and activities next year.

“With these results, I think we accomplished what we set out to do, make employees aware of safety and health issues,” Menard said.

A majority of employees did spend their time outside. From top to bottom, left to right:

- 1) JSC shutdown day ends with a fun run at the Gilruth Center. More than 1,000 workers participated in the 5K walk or the 2.5 K run;
- 2) The Employee Assistance Program confidential information on all types of life’s little ups and downs;
- 3) Representatives from the Houston Police Department show off the police helicopter and explain the extent of protection they provide to the community;
- 4) The breezeway between Bldg. 4 North and South becomes one of the more popular attractions as experts give massages and ergonomic information;
- 5) In the Bldg. 30 lobby, employees undergo eye tests to help promote the prevention of blindness;
- 6) Employees test their blood sugar and learn how to eat with less sugar in their diets;
- 7) Coordinators give fun run participants last minute instructions;
- 8) Making three free throws in a row earns employees a free Safety and Total Health Day T-shirt;
- 9) Houston, Lighting and Power demonstrates with its arc truck how deadly electricity can be; and
- 10) Webster Bicycle provides employees with information on safe biking habits. □